IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Hiroshi AOYAMA *et al.*	Confirmation No.:	8335
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TITLE: RANDOM-PERIOD CHIP TRANSFER APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth therein is respectfully requested, in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7.